

APPENDIX J: ORIGINAL PRIORITY FOUR DENTAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

4.1 Strategy: Obtain Outside Technical Assistance

Action Steps

- 4.1.1 Convene work group to develop an action plan based on the HRSA report addressing dental workforce
- 4.1.2 Address the number and distribution of providers
- 4.1.3 Review and implement the recommendations of the work group in 4.1.1 and develop a dental workforce action plan

4.2 Strategy: Expand system capacity

Healthy People 2010, Objective 21-14: Increase number of community health centers and local health departments with oral health component

Action Steps

- 4.2.1 Expand community health centers providing dental care
- 4.2.2 Increase public-private partnerships through Medicaid and provider recruitment.
- 4.2.3 Integrate oral health component to local health department operation plans

4.3 Strategy: Advocate for the creation of a licensure by credentials program to increase access to dental care for underserved populations

Action Steps

- 4.3.1 DHEC, South Carolina Dental Association (SCDA), South Carolina Dental Hygienists Association (SCDHA) and South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation's (LLR) Board of Dentistry review the current volunteer dental license qualifications and establish a criterion for an expanded licensure by credential program within 2 years
- 4.3.2 South Carolina Oral Health Advisory Council supports legislative action by LLR for licensure by credential program

4.4 Strategy: Pursue provider incentive programs for underserved populations

Action Steps

- 4.4.1 DHEC, South Carolina Primary Health Care Association (SCPHCA), State Office of Rural Health (ORH), SCDA, SCDHA and MUSC collaborate to establish criteria and structure for provider incentive programs
- 4.4.2 Stakeholders support request for funding of the programs
- 4.4.3 Implement the programs
- 4.4.4 Evaluate the impact of the programs